Sociology Department Orientation Schedule
August 26-27, 2013

All rooms are in the Art-Sociology Building unless indicated otherwise

Monday, August 26, 2013

9:00am-10:45am Continental Breakfast, Introductions, and Program Overview
Lengermann Conference Room 2115
After continental breakfast and introductions, students will be greeted by Dr. Patricio Korzeniewicz, Chair of the Sociology Department. Immediately following, Dr. Philip Cohen, Graduate Director, will discuss program requirements, time frames for degree completion and department funding.

11:00am-12:30pm Registration, Campus Tour, Graduate Student Government
(Meet in 2115)
James Yastrzemsky will help students register for at least one course on Testudo. You will need to be registered for at least one course in order to get your student IDs. After registering, enjoy a quick tour of UMD’s beautiful campus. Yaz will walk you down to the Mitchell Building where you can get your student ID. He will then walk you to the Adelle Stamp Student Union where you will meet with a representative of the Graduate Student Government.

12:30pm-1:30pm Picnic on the Piazza
Tawes Plaza
Get to know your cohort! You will meet for lunch in the courtyard in front of the Art-Sociology Building (if it is raining, we will meet in 2115).

1:30-2:00pm BREAK

2:00pm-3:00pm Specialty Areas Part I
Lengermann Conference Room (Room 2115)
A faculty member from four specialty areas (Stratification, Globalizing Theory, Demography, Military) will discuss the courses and research activities in his/her area. This is a dense, yet rewarding discussion as it will help you get an idea of the diversity of faculty interests and research activities.

3:00pm-4:00pm Get together with Returning Graduate Students and your Mentor
Sociology Lecture Room (Room 1101)
A panel of returning graduate students will discuss balancing academic demands, funding obligations (teaching assistant, research assistant, instructor, fellowship recipient, outside funding), and more. You will have a chance to interact with your assigned student mentor and discuss any questions you have.

4:00pm SOCIAL HOUR!
C. Wright Mills Library (Room 4118)
The UN-official introduction to the social nature of the department. A terrific opportunity to get to know returning students as well as get the inside scoop on the department.
Tuesday, August 27, 2013

9:00am-10:00am  Continental Breakfast, Undergraduate Issues and Teaching Resources
Lengermann Conference Room (Room 2115)
After breakfast, Linda Moghadam, the Sociology Undergraduate Director, will discuss what to expect from Maryland’s undergraduates and resources available to them and to Teaching Assistants.

10:00am-10:15am  Introduction to Research Resources
Lengermann Conference Room (Room 2115)
Dr. Jeff Lucas, Director of Research, will brief students on resources available from the department for student research initiatives.

10:30am-11:30am  Logistics
Lengermann Conference Room (Room 2115)
Jessica Peña will lead new students through some of the essential processes to getting set up such as getting your department mailbox assignments, office keys, and email accounts. A quick tour of the department’s offices, classrooms, mailboxes, and computer labs is also planned.
**STUDENTS: A $5 cash deposit is required to pick up the keys to your offices. Please bring this amount with you to the session.**

11:30pm-12:00pm  Graduate Student Forum Presentation
Sociology Lecture Room (Room 1101)
The Sociology Graduate Student Forum co-presidents, Lucia Lykke and Mandi Martinez, will give a presentation about the activities of the GSF. Students.

12:00pm-1:30pm  Department Luncheon
1st Floor Atrium of the Art-Sociology Building
All sociology graduate students, faculty, and staff are invited to a buffet lunch. This is your chance to meet your preliminary advisor and set up an appointment to chat further about your first year at UMD.

1:30pm-2:00pm  Meet Your Supervisor or Advisor
Locations Vary
Please meet the professor to whom you have been assigned as a Teaching or Research Assistant in his/her office for general introductions and to set up another appointment for a more in-depth discussion of mutual expectations and duties.

2:00pm-3:00pm  Specialty Areas Part II
Lengermann Conference Room (Room 2115)
Second part of the general introduction to the Specialty Areas in the Sociology program at UMD. A faculty member from the remaining areas (GWF, Development, Social Psych, Critical Race Initiative) will discuss courses and research activities in his/her area. Please attend this session even if your intended specialty area(s) were discussed on Wednesday.